President: It is not only for the members of the Sri Chitra State Council but also in the case of every other applicant for appointments the discussion on the floor of this House would be embarassing because if the particular candidate does not get the appointment his future public career is greatly jeopardized. In my own experience I know one or two persons whose applications for appointments were made known and their career was jeopardized as a result of this. On that contingency Government keep this confidential. But if the applicants make known their applications it is a very different matter.

Statement regarding promotions in the Forest Department.

40. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the promotions made in the clerical staff of the Forest Department for the years 1110 to 1112 both in permanent as well as temporary places;

(2) Will they be pleased to state whether in making these promotions, the claims of those possessing the required qualifications were overlooked?

Mr. R. Dhanukoti Pillai: (1) Two clerks on Rs. 40-50 promoted to 2 places on Rs. 40-70.

One clerk on Rs. 25-40 promoted to 1 place on Rs. 40-70.

Six clerks on Rs. 20-30 promoted to 6 places on Rs. 25-40.

Three clerks on Rs. 20-25 promoted to 3 places on Rs. 25-40.

One clerk on Rs. 25-40 promoted to 1 tempoary place on Rs. 40-70.

Nine clerks on Rs. 20-30 promoted to 9 temporary plaees on Rs. 25-40

(2) Yes, in certain cases.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: With reference to part (2) may I know, in how many cases the claims were overlooked?

Mr. R. Dhanukoti Pillai: In about six cases.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know the circumstances which justified in overlooking the claims?

Mr. R. Dhanukoti Pillai: Sir, it is not a question of overlooking the claims. But it is a question of giving a higher pay. By these appointments the claims of their seniors in service will not be affected.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know the reason why they are given a higher scale of pay?

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Mr. R. Dhanukoti Pillai: According to the standardisation scheme a higher scale of pay was fixed temporarily in connection with the Kudivila work. These six clerks who were experienced and reliable with regard to that work were given a higher pay in preference to those who have only a few years more service. But this is only a sort of temporary arrangement.

Debt Conciliation Boards.

41. ***Mr. K. R. Elankath:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the taluks which have not been conferred the benefit of Debt Conciliation Boards : and

(*b*) the principle followed by them in choosing particular areas for the jurisdiction of Conciliation Boards already established?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) Kalkulam, Vilavankod, Neyyattinkara, Chirayinkil, Nedumangad, Karunagapalli, Kunnattur, Kartikapalli (except the pakuthies of Kumarapuram and Veeyapuram), Kottarakara, Mavelikara, Tiruvalla taluk (except the pakuthies of Peringara, Nedumpram, Kizhakkumbhagam and Kadapra), Pattanamtitta, Pattanapuram, Shencotta, Shertalla, Vaikam, Minachil, Kunnatnad, Todupuzha, Parur, Devicolam, Peermade and the pakuthies of Ariyad North and Mararikulam South in the Ambalapuzha taluk.

(*b*) No particular principle has been followed in choosing the areas of jurisdiction of Boards already established. The experiment had to be tried in some localities.

Mr. K. R. Elenkath: May I know whether there is any great disparity in the number of applications filed for conciliation in the taluks where the Boards have been established ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The number is not the same in all taluks. There is difference.

Mr. K. R. Elenkath: In view of the fact that the taluks of Kalkulam, Vilavancode, Neyyattinkara, Trivandrum, and Nedumangad have no Conciliation Boards and the considerable difficulty experienced by the ryots in the matter of liquidating their debts may I know whether the question of increasing the jurisdiction of the existing Conciliation Boards is under the consideration of Government ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Government propose to increase the jurisdiction of the present Boards. The question of increasing their number may be considered later.

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